

REMARKS

I. Double Patenting Rejection and Terminal Disclaimer Under 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c)

Applicant would like to point out that a Terminal Disclaimer Under 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) was filed in the above-identified patent application on February 20, 2004. Applicant has disclaimed the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,253,191. It is therefore respectfully submitted that any double patenting rejection based on U.S. Patent No. 6,253,191 should be withdrawn. A copy of the Terminal Disclaimer Under 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) filed in the above-identified patent application on February 20, 2004 is attached.

II. Allowed Claims 56 to 78, and 88 to 89

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 56 to 78, and 88 to 89 are allowed.


III. Conclusion

In view of all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that the present application issue as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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